



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Lansing Community College

Fall 2016

Western Michigan University Criminal Justice Curriculum Guide

Criminal Justice curriculum requirements:

- The main goal of the program is to provide the knowledge and skills necessary for students interested in careers in criminal justice. However, students will also be well prepared to pursue professional or graduate work in law, criminology, and other areas such as the Police Academy;
- The following courses are required and must be taken before any of the core requirements:

WMU courses

Lansing courses

SOC 2000 or 2100

SOCL 120 or 255

SOC 2600

CJUS 101

ENGL 1050

ENGL 122, 132, WRIT 121, 122, 124, 131, or 132 (choose 1)

- Students will have to complete the 9 credits listed above and then 33 more for the major. Two (2) of the courses are required research courses. Academic preparation for the 2 courses should include high school algebra or one of the LCC courses called MATH 107 or 114;
- The following courses may be completed at LCC and will count toward the major:

SOC 3200

PSYC 203

SOC 3140

SOCL 260

- Criminal justice majors must complete a minor for graduation. Please check with advisors listed below for further information about choosing a minor, and about having more courses that you can take at your community college. Check on the WMU TCE to make sure that you are taking transferable courses.

General education requirements and other notes:

- Please see the [general education program transfer guide](#);
- The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) has a foreign language requirement that can be met by:
 - Two years of one high school language, with a B- or better in the last (4th) semester, or at any point after that, if more than two years are completed;
 - Or two semesters of one college level language;
 - Or through passing a language proficiency test. Please contact the WMU World Languages department for languages other than Spanish, and the Spanish department for that language. Neither the MACRAO Agreement nor the Michigan Transfer Agreement satisfy the world language requirement;
- The College of Arts and Sciences requires a critical thinking course, to be chosen from Proficiency 4c. See the general education link given above. MACRAO or the MTA will cover this requirement ;
- The College of Arts and Sciences recommends that you apply to WMU at least nine months prior to your anticipated start date;
- For specific information about general education questions please contact the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) department, listed below;
- For more specific information, contact the criminal justice advisor below.

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